Investment in the Floriculture Research and Extension Programmes

7410. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise investment in the Floriculture Research and Extension Programmes during the last three years in the country particularly in Gujarat State;

(b) the sector-wise break-up of such investments in the irrigated areas, rainfed areas and dry land farming;

(c) the percentage-wise proportions of these sectors in terms of cultivable land to the total cultivated land in the country including Gujarat State;

(d) the percentage proportion in terms of output of these sectors; and

(e) the future plan for investment in floriculture research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The investment on floriculture Research and Extension during last three years was Rs. 118.47, 280.20 and 270.89 lakh for the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively and for Gujarat State it was Rs. 2.65 lakh.

(b) to (d) Since the floriculture crops are grown under irrigated conditions, the investment made was only for irrigated areas. The exact estimate of area under floriculture is not possible to work out the percentage-wise proportions of irrigated, rainfed and dryland farming in terms of cultivable land to the total cultivable land and their output.

(e) Approximately Rs. 350 lakhs will be invested on floriculture in next two years.

...orage Facilities in the Country

4. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Mi...ister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the cold storages indicating the capacity of the same available in the country particularly in the State of Punjab, State-wise/ District-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the potato cultivators are facing hardships due to lack of proper facilities for storage of potatoes in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures Government propose to take to solve the cold storages problems faced by the farmers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There are 3156 cold storages in the country with installed capacity of 85.77 lakh tonnes. In Punjab, there are 309 cold storage with installed capacity of 5.71 lakh tonnes. The Statewise and district wise breakup in Punjab is given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below)

(b) There is no recent report regarding hardships faced by farmers due to lack of proper facilities for storage of potatoes in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) (i) The National Horticulture Board is providing assistance in the form of soft loan @ of 50% cost to the maximum limit for cold storage and pre-cooling unit of Rs. 35.00 lakh and Rs. 5.00 lakh respectively. The Board has provided financial assistance under its scheme "Integrated project on Management of Post Harvest infrastructure of horticulture crops for establishing 42 cold storage and 121 pre-cooling Units in the country upto 1994-95.

(ii) National Cooperative Development Corporation provides 90% of the total cost to the State Governments for cold storage of potato and the remaining amount is to be made by beneficiaries Societies. This assistance has been liberalised by providing 50% of the cost as Share Capital and 40% as loan by the State Government. For the weaker

sections, National Cooperative Development Corporation provides 92.5% of the cost which includes 75% loan and 17.5% subsidy in the under developed States and 95% of the cost to the Cooperatives in the least developed States which includes 75% loan and 20% subsidy to the Cooperatives.

(iii) Directorate of Marketing & Inspections is providing technical advice for establishing cold storages and guidance for scientific preservation of food stuff & preventing exploitation of farmers by cold storage owners.

Statement

State-wise number of Cold Storages in the Country as on 31.12.94

S.No.	Name of the State/ U.T.	Nos.	Capacity in Metric Tonnes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	100	96000
2.	Assam	03	1703
3.	Bihar	190	405536
4.	Gujarat	170	250742
5.	Goa	27	1900
6.	Haryana	168	212438
7.	Himachal Pradesh	13	9615
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	20	20953
9.	Kerala	129	17247
10.	Karnataka	85	20654
11.	Maharashtra	295	154744
12.	Madhya Pradesh	128	257200
13.	Nagaland	01	1149
14.	Orissa	48	95363
15.	Punjab	309	571000
16.	Rajasthan	50	67297
17.	Tamil Nadu	92	21092
18.	Tripura	03	4278
19.	Uttar Pradesh	927	3983000
20.	West Bengal	278	2241790
21.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	02	203
22.	Chandigarh	12	18387
23.	Delhi	100	124780
24.	Lakshadweep	01	36
25.	Pondicherry	05	201
	TOTAL :	3156	8577308

The district-wise cold storage in Punjab are as under:—

No. of Districts	No. of cold storage
Jullandhar	119
Patiala	24
Bhatinda	9
Ludhiana	26
Kapurthala	14
Sangrur	6
Firozpur	10
Fatehgarh Saheb	4
Hoshiarpur	48
Faridkot	13
Gurdaspur	8
Ropar	10
Amritsar	18
	309

Functions of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

7412. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Krishi Vigyan Kendras which undertake vocational training of farmers, farm women and rural youths in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) the functions of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra;

(c) whether it is a fact that Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been set up in all rural districts of the country;

(d) if not, the names of districts where no Krishi Vigyan Kendra has been set up and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) 183 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) are located in different parts of the country out of which seven are in Punjab (Gurdaspur, Ferozepur, Abohar, Kapur-